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SUBJECT: INFORMATION RE FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE USEFUL IN THE ONGOING SUBJECT
CONFERENCE:

A) U.S. DELEGATION AT LAST COFI MEETING SUPPORTED ROLE OF
FAO IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO FAO REGIONAL FISHERY BODIES
BECAUSE OF THEIR EXPANDED RESPONSIBILITIES TO MEMBER
COUNTRIES IN REGION TRYING TO DEAL WITH EXTENDED FISHERY
JURISDICTION AND RELATED PROBLEMS OF MANAGEMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES.

B) U.S. IS A MEMBER OF FAO COMMISSIONS IN REGION (I.E.
INDIAN OCEAN FISHERY COMMISSION AND INDO-PACIFIC FISHERY
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COMMISSION) AND IS DESIROUS THAT THESE BODIES ARE
SUCCESSFUL IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN ORDER
TO AVOID ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OUT-
SIDE OF FAO IN WHICH U.S. INFLUENCE OR EVEN MEMBERSHIP
MIGHT BE DOUBTFUL.

C) WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT ADDED RESPONSIBILITIES MEAN IN-

CREASED BUDGETS, THE U.S. HAS NOT TAKEN ANY POSITION

REGARDING ITS OWN WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME ADDED FINANCIAL
COMMITMENTS FOR THESE BODIES, RATHER IT HAS INDICATED THAT
PRIORITIES WITHIN THE FAO BUDGET MUST BE CAREFULLY CON-
SIDERED IN LIGHT OF THE NEEDS OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND
THAT OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS UNDP AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE
BE INVESTIGATED. VANCE

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